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SUBJ: REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GULF POLLUTION

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SUMMARY: FORMAL GOK INVITATION TO USG TO ATTEND GULF POLLUTION
CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER HAS BEEN RECEIVED. CONFERENCE DATES ARE
JAN 19-24. USG ASKED LIMIT OBSERVER DELEGATION TO ONE MEMBER
ONLY. MAIN PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WILL BE TO DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION ON PROTECTION OF GULF MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM
POLLUTION. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED FORMAL GOK INVITATION TO ATTEND
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POLLUTION CONFERENCE. FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE DATED DEC 20,

AFTER COMPLIMENTARY OPENING, STATES SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF GULF POLLUTION CONFERENCE PLEASED INVITE USG TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POLLUTION OF GULF WATERS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN KUWAIT FROM 19-24 JAN, 1974, BY A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER PROVIDED THAT COSTS OF TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND LOCAL TRANSPORT FOR REPRESENTATIVE BE BORNE BY USG.

2. GOK NOTE CONTAINS TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THREE ITEMS:

A. GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF ASPECTS OF WATER POLLUTION RELATIVE TO CONTENT OF AGREEMENT.

B. DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ON PROTECTION OF GULF MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION.

C. RESOLUTIONS.

3. GOK INVITATION ALSO INCLUDES REGISTRATION FORM WHICH WE ASKED COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SECRETARIAT GENERAL ASAP. EMBASSY ABLE COMPLETE THIS FORM AS SOON AS WE HAVE NAME OF U.S. PARTICIPANT.

4. RE QUESTIONS PARA 2, REF B: U.S. REP WILL NOT RPT NOT BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK. AGENDA DESCRIBED PARA 2 ABOVE. RE POSSIBILITY THAT CONFEREES WILL ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTATION BY GULF STATES, SECRETARIAT SOURCE SAID THAT THIS WILL BE UP TO CONFEREES. HOWEVER, TENTATIVE AGENDA DOES INDICATE THAT A GOAL OF CONFEREES WILL BE TO ADOPT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT GOK WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADOPTION BY RIPARIAN STATES OF A UNIFORM LAW ON PROTECTION OF GULF MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION. ORGANIZERS OF CONFERENCE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT GIVEN SOME SORT OF PERMANENT STATUS AS WELL. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME, THEY PREFER TO LEAVE SUCH DECISIONS TO CONFEREES AND PROBABLY WILL ADOPT A "SOFT SELL" APPROACH.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: GOK WAS AWARE THAT U.S. WANTED AN OBSERVER DELEGATION OF A MANY AS FOUR MEMBERS. HOWEVER, GOK HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING SIZE OF CONFERENCE WITHIN BOUNDS AND APPEARS FOR THAT REASON WILL ALLOW ONLY ONE U.S. OBSERVER.
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IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES, WE WILLING ASK TO HAVE SIZE OF OUR DELEGATION ENLARGED, BUT WE HOPE THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. CONFERENCE IS MATTER OF SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE AND PRESTIGE FOR GOK. THEY ARE PLEASED THNH WE HAVE BEEN INTERESTED ENOUGH TO ASSIST THEM WITH PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE AND THAT WE WISH TO ATTEND. GIVEN THEIR CONCERN OVER SIZE OF CONFERENCE AND PRESENT DELICATE STATE OF ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS, WE BELIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES CAN BEST BE MET BY SENDING ONE MAN DELEGATION.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM US ASAP RE IDENTITY AND ORGANIZATION
OF U.S. OBSERVER SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND
MAKE OTHER NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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